

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims associated with Group I, claims 1-36. Additionally, Applicants have cancelled claims 4-7, 14-16, 22-25, 32-34 associated with Group I. Also, Applicants have cancelled claim 37 that is directed to Group II as well as cancelled claim 121 that is directed to Group III. Finally, Applicants have added claims 246-256 directed to Group I. The prior art did not necessitate any amendments to the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests examination in view of the remarks. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

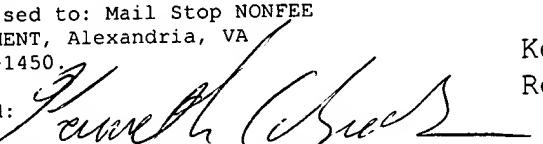
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